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September 10, 2013

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**SUPPLEMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND CITY OF TORRANCE
FOR DNA CRIME LAB SERVICES
(FOURTH DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) seeks approval of a Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Agreement for DNA Crime Lab Services (Agreement) with the city of Torrance (City) for the performance of DNA testing and analysis for the City. The Agreement will replace a similar agreement that was in place from July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2013.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Approve and instruct the Chairman to sign the attached Agreement with the City to provide the services of one full-time equivalent Senior Criminalist to perform DNA testing and analysis for the City, effective upon execution by the Board through June 30, 2016. The annual cost of services for Fiscal Year (FY) 2013-14 is \$154,854, which is fully funded by the City.
2. Delegate authority to the Sheriff to execute any and all amendments to the Agreement, ensuring any negative fiscal impact to Los Angeles County (County) is avoided.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the Agreement is to provide the City with the services for one full-time equivalent Senior Criminalist from the Department to perform DNA testing and analysis for the City as requested by the City, effective upon execution by the Board through June 30, 2016. The City contracted with the County for this position under a previous agreement which expired on June 30, 2013. This Agreement will not result in the creation of an additional Senior Criminalist position, as the position was previously created during the previous agreement.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The services provided under this Agreement support the County's Strategic Plan, Goal 1, Operational Effectiveness. This Agreement will provide revenue reimbursement to the Department for services rendered.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no net County cost to this Agreement. The City shall pay the Department for the said services according to the appropriate and prevailing billing rates as determined by the Auditor-Controller for the FY 2013-14. The City is aware rates will change at the beginning of every fiscal year hereafter as determined by the Auditor-Controller.

Based on current projections, the City will offset the annual cost for services in the amount of \$154,854 for one Senior Criminalist for FY 2013-14.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Torrance Police Department desires to retain the services of a Senior Criminalist to enhance the successful prosecution of criminal cases requiring DNA forensics. The City has contracted for this service since December 1, 2003. The current agreement expired on June 30, 2013.

The Agreement provides for mutual indemnification. The Agreement may be terminated by either party with 60 calendar days advance written notice to the other party. Notwithstanding, the Sheriff may cancel the provision of services under the Agreement if the Sheriff concludes he has insufficient available personnel to provide the services required by the Agreement and to perform his other duties as required by law.

The attached Agreement has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This Agreement will improve the quality of Law Enforcement DNA Crime Lab Services to all of the incorporated cities and the unincorporated areas of the County by enhancing the timeliness for DNA case processing. The County currently offers this service to all of the incorporated cities as a County wide service without directly recovering cost.

CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, it is requested that the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board return the adopted Board letter and two originally executed Agreements to the Department's Contract Law Enforcement Bureau.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Leroy D. Baca". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L".

LEROY D. BACA
Sheriff

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Enclosures

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**SUPPLEMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT
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This Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Agreement, hereinafter referred to as "Agreement," is made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2013 by and between the County of Los Angeles, hereinafter referred to as "County," and the City of Torrance, hereinafter referred to as "City," for the performance of DNA Crime Lab Services by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, hereinafter referred to as "Sheriff's Department."

RECITALS

Whereas, the City is desirous of contracting with the County for the performance of DNA Crime Lab Services by the Sheriff's Department; and

Whereas, the City agrees to fund the services of one (1) full-time equivalent Senior Criminalist position to assist the City with forensic DNA analysis and testing and Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) submission and evaluation; and

Whereas, the County is agreeable to rendering such services on the terms and conditions set forth herein; and

Whereas, such agreements are authorized and provided for by the provisions of Section 56-1/2 and 56-3/4 of the Charter of the County of Los Angeles.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and mutual covenants contained herein and for good and valuable consideration, the parties mutually agree as follows:

1.0 AGREEMENT SERVICES

- 1.1 The County agrees to provide DNA Crime Lab Services to the City to the extent and in the manner set forth in this Agreement, including Exhibit A, Statement of Work, and Exhibit B, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Deployment of Personnel Form SH-AD 575, which are attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference. The parties specifically acknowledge and agree to comply with the terms set forth in Exhibit A, Statement of Work, to this Agreement, including the responsibilities of their respective law enforcement agencies expressly set forth in Exhibit A, Statement of Work.
- 1.2 Except as otherwise hereinafter specifically set forth in this Agreement, such services shall only encompass duties and functions of the type coming within the jurisdiction of and customarily rendered by the Sheriff of the County of Los Angeles under the Charter of said County and statutes of the State of California.

2.0 ADMINISTRATION OF PERSONNEL

- 2.1 The rendition of the services performed by the Sheriff's Department, the standards of performance, the discipline of officers, and other matters incident to the performance of such services and the control of personnel so employed shall remain with the County.
- 2.2 In the event of a dispute between the parties to this Agreement as to the extent of the duties and functions to be rendered hereunder, or the minimum level or manner of performance of such service, the City shall be consulted and a mutual determination thereof shall be made by both the Sheriff and the City.
- 2.3 The Sheriff, in an unresolved dispute, shall have final and conclusive determination as between the parties hereto.

3.0 DEPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL

- 3.1 Services performed hereunder and requested by the City, through its police department, shall be indicated in the attached Exhibit A, Statement of Work, and Exhibit B, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Deployment of Personnel Form SH-AD 575. To the extent of the terms of any exhibit to this base

document may conflict with the base document, the terms of this base document shall prevail.

- 3.2 For the purpose of performing the said function, County shall furnish and supply all necessary labor, supervision, and supplies necessary to maintain the agreed level of service to be rendered hereunder.
- 3.3 The City shall not assume any liability for the direct payment of any salaries, wages, retirement benefits, workers' compensation insurance, or other compensation to any County personnel performing services hereunder or any liability other than provided for in this Agreement.
- 3.4 Except as herein otherwise specified, the City shall not be liable for compensation or indemnity to any County employee or agent of the County for injury or sickness arising out of his/her employment as a contract employee of the City, unless such injury or sickness is proximately caused by acts or omissions of the City, its officers, agents or employees.
- 3.5 Notwithstanding the foregoing, the City may provide additional resources for the County to utilize in the performance of the services with the approval of the Sheriff.

4.0 BILLING RATES

- 4.1 For and in consideration of the rendition of the services to be performed by the County for the City under this Agreement, the City shall pay the County for said services according to the appropriate and prevailing billing rates set forth on the attached Exhibit B, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Deployment of Personnel Form SH-AD 575, as determined by the County's Auditor-Controller.
- 4.2 The applicable rate includes workers' compensation costs and administrative overhead costs that are directly related to the provision of said services.
- 4.3 The aforementioned rates, as determined by the County's Auditor-Controller, shall be adjusted annually to reflect changes in salary, workers' compensation, and administrative overhead costs, as may adopted by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

- 4.5 Annual rate adjustments shall be made by the County's Auditor-Controller in accordance with the policies and procedures for the determination of such rate as adopted by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.
- 4.6 The City shall authorize and execute an annual Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Deployment of Personnel Form, SH-AD 575, by July 1st of every year hereinafter authorizing services to be performed at the current prevailing rates established throughout the term of this Agreement. The revised form shall be attached to this Agreement as an Amendment to this Agreement pursuant to Section 9.0, Amendments.

5.0 PAYMENT PROCEDURES

- 5.1 The County shall render to the City a summarized monthly invoice which details all services performed under this Agreement, and the City shall pay the County within sixty (60) calendar days after date of said invoice.
- 5.2 Payment for said services shall be made by check or money order payable as directed on the monthly invoice.
- 5.3 If such payment is not delivered to the County office which is described on said invoice within sixty (60) calendar days after the date of the invoice, the County is entitled to recover interest thereon.
- 5.4 Said interest shall be at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum or any portion thereof calculated from the last day of the month in which the services were performed. After ninety (90) days, invoices deemed uncollectible shall be forwarded to the Referral Section of the Los Angeles County Department of Collections for appropriate action.
- 5.5 Notwithstanding the provisions of Government Code Section 907, if such payment is not delivered to the County office which is described on said invoice within sixty (60) calendar days after the date of the invoice, the County may satisfy such indebtedness, including interest thereon, from any funds of the City on deposit with the County without giving further notice to City of County's intention to do so.

6.0 INDEMNIFICATION

- 6.1 City shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the County, its Special Districts, elected and appointed officers, employees, and agents from and against any and all liability, including but not limited to demands, claims, actions, fees, costs, and expenses (including attorney and expert witness fees), arising from or connected with the City's acts and/or omissions arising from and/or relating to this Agreement.
- 6.2 County shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City, its Special Districts, elected and appointed officers, employees, and agents from and against any and all liability, including but not limited to demands, claims, actions, fees, costs, and expenses (including attorney and expert witness fees), arising from or connected with the County's acts and/or omissions arising from and/or relating to this Agreement.

7.0 TERM OF AGREEMENT

The term of this Agreement shall commence upon execution by the County Board of Supervisors and shall terminate on June 30, 2016, unless sooner terminated or extended as provided herein.

8.0 RIGHT OF TERMINATION

- 8.1 The County or the City may terminate this Agreement upon sixty (60) calendar days advance written notice to the other party.
- 8.2 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Sheriff may forthwith cancel the provision of services under this Agreement if he concludes that he has insufficient available personnel to provide the services required by this Agreement and to perform his other duties as required by law.
- 8.3 In the event of such a circumstance, the Sheriff will provide at least ten (10) calendar days notice of his inability unless circumstances preclude him, as a practical matter, from giving at least ten (10) calendar days notice, in which event the Sheriff shall provide such notice of less than ten (10) calendar days as is feasible and practical under the circumstances.

9.0 AMENDMENTS

All changes, modifications, or amendments to this Agreement must be in the form of a written Amendment duly executed by authorized personnel of the County and the City.

10.0 ASSIGNMENT, DELEGATION, AND SUBCONTRACTING

A party shall not assign its rights and/or subcontract, or otherwise delegate, its duties under this Agreement, either in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of the other party, and any attempted assignment or delegation without such consent shall be null and void.

11.0 AUTHORIZATION WARRANTY

The City represents and warrants that the person executing this Agreement for the City is an authorized agent who has actual authority to bind the City to each and every term, condition, and obligation of this Agreement and that all requirements of the City have been fulfilled to provide such actual authority.

12.0 GOVERNING LAW, JURISDICTION, AND VENUE

This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of California. The parties agree and consent to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of California for all purposes regarding this Agreement and further agree and consent that venue of any action brought hereunder shall be exclusively in the County of Los Angeles.

13.0 NOTICES

13.1 Unless otherwise specified herein, all notices, requests, demands, or communications required or permitted to be given or made under this Agreement shall be in writing as follows:

- a. Personal delivery. When personally delivered to the recipient, notice is effective on delivery.
- b. First Class mail. When mailed first class to the last known address of the recipient, notice is effective three mail delivery days after deposit in a United States Postal Service office or mailbox.
- c. Certified mail. When mailed certified, return receipt requested, notice is

effective on receipt, if delivery is confirmed by a return receipt.

- d. Overnight delivery. When delivered by an overnight delivery service, charges prepaid or charged to the sender's account, notice is effective on delivery, if delivery is confirmed by the delivery service.
- e. Facsimile transmission. When sent by fax to the last known fax number of the recipient, notice is effective on receipt. Any notice given by fax will be deemed received on the next business day if it is received after 5:00 p.m. or on a non-business day.

13.2 Addresses for the purpose of giving notice to City are as follow:

City Clerk
City of Torrance
3031 Torrance Boulevard
Torrance, CA 90503
Fax: (310) 618-5891

With a copy to:

Torrance Police Department
Attn: Detective Division
3300 Civic Center Drive
Torrance, CA 90503
Fax: (310) 618-6316

13.3 Addresses for the purpose of giving notice to County are as follows:

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Contract Law Enforcement Bureau
4700 Ramona Boulevard
Monterey Park, California 91754

13.4 Addresses and persons to be notified may be changed by either party by giving ten (10) calendar days prior written notice thereof to the other party. Any correctly addressed notice that is refused, unclaimed, or undeliverable because of an act or omission of the party to be notified, will be deemed effective as of the first date the notice was refused, unclaimed or deemed undeliverable by the postal authorities, messenger or overnight delivery service.

14.0 VALIDITY

If any provision of this Agreement or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this Agreement and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

15.0 WAIVER

No waiver by the parties of any breach of any provision of this Agreement shall constitute a waiver of any other breach or of such provision. Failure of the parties to enforce at any time, or from time to time, any provision of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver thereof.

16.0 ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement, including Exhibit A and Exhibit B, and any executed Amendments hereto or thereto, constitute the complete and exclusive statement of understanding of the parties which supersedes all previous agreements, written or oral, and all communications between the parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement. No change to this Agreement shall be valid unless prepared pursuant to Section 9.0, Amendments, of this Agreement and signed by both parties.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has caused this Agreement to be executed by its Chairman and attested by the Executive Officer thereof, and the City has caused this Agreement to be executed on its behalf by its authorized officer.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By _____
MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS
Chairman, County of Los Angeles

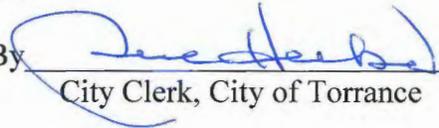
ATTEST:
SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer - Clerk
of the Board of Supervisors

By _____
Deputy

CITY OF TORRANCE

By  _____
LEROY J. JACKSON
City Manager, City of Torrance

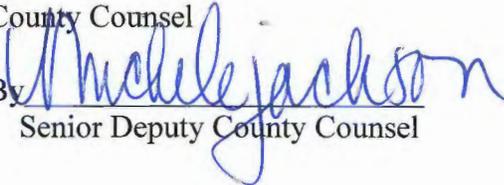
ATTEST:

By  _____
City Clerk, City of Torrance

CITY OF TORRANCE

By  _____
FRANK SCOTTO
Mayor, City of Torrance

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
JOHN F. KRATTLI
County Counsel

By  _____
Senior Deputy County Counsel

**EXHIBIT A
STATEMENT OF WORK**

1.0 SCOPE OF WORK

The County, through the Sheriff's Department, will provide the services of one (1) full-time equivalent Senior Criminalist position to assist the City of Torrance, through its Torrance Police Department, in completing forensic DNA testing.

2.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

The Sheriff's Department and the Torrance Police Department duties and responsibilities for the term of the Agreement are as follows:

2.1 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

- 2.1.1 Assigning one (1) full-time equivalent DNA trained Senior Criminalist, with the requisite supplies and equipment, to complete the Torrance Police Department's DNA cases. All analysts examining evidence under this Agreement are required to meet all minimum requirements for education, training, experience, and proficiency testing as required by ASCLD/LAB and the FBI's DNA quality assurance standards.
- 2.1.2 Completing cases and the number and the types of case samples based on the priorities set by the Torrance Police Department, regardless of crime category.
- 2.1.3 Providing direction and training, when necessary, to the Torrance Police Department in areas relating to sample collection, crime scene investigation, case sample testing, policy, and any other type of information requirements or consultations related to forensic DNA testing.
- 2.1.4 Providing, when available and necessary, trained project personnel to respond to crime scenes for consultation and crime scene documentation and collection.
- 2.1.5 Providing a Project Supervisor, who shall act as a central point of contact with the Torrance Police Department. The Project Supervisor/alternate shall have full authority to act for the Sheriff's Department on all matters relating to the daily operation of the Agreement. The Project Supervisor for the Sheriff's Department for all matters relating to the performance of this Agreement shall be the Captain of the Scientific Services Bureau (or his/her designee).

2.1.6 Records of the County's time pertaining to the project, and records of accounts between the City of Torrance and the County, will be kept on a generally recognized accounting basis. The County will also maintain all other records, including without limitation specifications, drawings, progress reports and the like, relating to the project. All records will be available to the City of Torrance during normal working hours. The County will maintain these records for three (3) years after final payment by the City.

2.2 TORRANCE POLICE DEPARTMENT

2.2.1 Providing funding for one (1) full-time equivalent DNA trained Senior Criminalist. The funding shall provide the service to fulfill required practices to be completed by the assigned Sheriff's Department personnel, which include but are not limited to courtroom testimony, reagent preparation, analyst proficiency testing, and other quality assurance measures.

2.2.2 Providing and maintaining the priority list of cases and samples that will be analyzed under the scope of this Agreement. The priority must be clearly communicated to the Project Supervisor and/or the assigned Senior Criminalist.

2.2.3 Allowing the completion of adjoining or nearby city police department cases when the priority of the Torrance Police Department's casework is completed.

2.2.4 Providing a Project Manager, who shall act as a central point of contact with the Sheriff's Department. The Project Manager/alternate shall have full authority to act for the Torrance Police Department on all matters relating to the daily operation of this Agreement. The Chief of the Torrance Police Department is hereby designated as the contact officer for all matters relating to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department performance of this Agreement. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department shall not take direction from any City of Torrance employee or official other than the contact officer (or his/her designee).

3.0 MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT

The purchase of all materials and equipment to provide the required services will be provided by the Sheriff's Department. If cost of the materials and equipment to provide services does not meet the Sheriff's Department's current criteria for testing and approval

causes the Sheriff's Department's total cost under the Agreement to exceed the annual billing rates, the Torrance Police Department, at its option, may provide additional funding for the purchase of materials and supplies used during the testing of its cases and samples.

4.0 OVERTIME

The Torrance Police Department shall provide, when available and necessary, funding for optional overtime for the assigned DNA Senior Criminalist or other Sheriff's Department personnel as determined by the Torrance Police Department. Prior to performing any overtime work, the Torrance Police Department shall provide written authorization (memorandum, fax, or email) for the time expenditure. If the overtime work exceeds the Sheriff's Department estimate, the Torrance Police Department Project Manager or assigned designee must be notified and approve the excess cost.

5.0 QUALITY ASSURANCE

The Sheriff's Department has established and utilizes a comprehensive Quality Assurance Program that is appropriate to the testing activities to assure a consistently high level work product. The Torrance Police Department may observe performance and activities, and review documents relevant to this agreement at any time during normal business hours. However, the Torrance Police Department may not unreasonably interfere with the Sheriff's Department's performance nor be able to modify or alter established testing or quality assurance procedures.

